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ICYMI: Libya conflict developments

Between impeachment proceedings, Brexit, the Democratic presidential contest, the Netanyahu indictment, Syria, Hong Kong protests, Prince Andrew, etc., etc., some of you may not be fully up to speed on the all-too-bloody, ongoing conflict in Libya.

Here is a quick update, given the significant developments lately. Libya's Government of National Accord continues to repel the military overthrow attempt by an autocratic former officer of Muammar Gaddafi, Khalifa Haftar and his so-called "Libyan National Army (LNA)"

- U.S. Sens. Chris Coons, Lindsey Graham, Chris Murphy, and Marco Rubio proposed the <u>Libya Stabilization Act</u> to sanction those "fueling violence in the country" and counter pro-Haftar activity by Russia.
- The <u>U.S. government called on Haftar to stop</u> his military campaign.
- The U.S. <u>warned Russia against interfering in Libya with mercenaries helping Haftar.</u> (More on that Russian presence in Libya here.)
- Working with its <u>GNA partners</u>, the <u>U.S. has conducted a series of strikes</u> against ISIS militants in southern Libya <u>described as highly successful in crippling ISIS</u>.
- ➤ Haftar, yet again <u>facing war crimes</u> allegations, <u>launched an air strike that killed civilians</u> at a biscuit factory.

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